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Six wins and no losses! That is the way it stands for the University of Oregon's defending champion baseball team after completion of two-game series against three of the Northern Division clubs—Idaho, Washington State and Washington.

At the beginning of the season the Ducks were a big question mark. But in those first six games played on Howe field, they erased a lot of doubts the Oregon fans might have had that the Webfoots wouldn't be in the running this year. Hobson's men came out of the short spring training period with quite a bit of finesse and most of all a never-give-up fighting spirit.

Receiving one advantage from the schedule makers in that their first six games were played at home, the Oregon's are set for the grueling Inland Empire tour with a big margin over the rest of the conference. Friday they open against Idaho in Moscow. After the Saturday's encounter with the Vandals, the Ducks draw a days rest before making the short jump to Pullman for two games with Washington State.

From where we sit it looks as though the first four games of the tour may tell the story for Oregon. If they win two or even three of the four, they will be awfully hard to beat out for the Championship.

The University of Washington Huskies promise to be tough in Seattle and with the tired Ducks playing their last two road games in Tubby Graves own back yard, a split would probably make Hobson plenty happy.

ROUGH ON THE PITCHING STAFF

Playing six games in seven days is really going to tax the Duck hurling staff. Hal Saltzman, three time conference winner, will probably start the first against Idaho on Friday, the first against WSC on Monday and the final tilt against Washington on the following Thursday. The rest of the hurling duties will be divided among Lyle Pettyjohn, with two conference wins, Dick Lehl with one and Homer Bropst.

After that rough week in Idaho and Washington, the Webfoots bounce back to Howe field for their first test with the Oregon State College Beavers. Originally the schedule called for the conference opener to be against the Staters, but because of the limited period for spring training, those games were tacked onto the tailend of the slate. Subsequently the Ducks play their last four Division tilts against Coach Ralph Coleman's nine.

The same schedule that gave Oregon the early season break, gives OSC a mid-season advantage. The Beavers follow on the heels of the Ducks on the Inland tour and will receive the advantage of any softening up the Oregons do.

We don't want to get too hasty about naming the Ducks to win the Northern Division title again this year, because we almost put ourselves in the dog-house back in 1941. As the Webfoots started their tour with a big lead on the rest of the teams in the league that year, we couldn't see how they could miss—and said as much in the column. Well, the do-or-die trip into the Palouse country didn't go too well. The high-riding, hard-slugging 1941 nine dropped five games in a row and came back to Eugene in second place behind the Beavers. The whole team accused us of jinxing the deal. The only reason we regained any sort of standing at all around McArthur and Howe field was that Oregon managed to sneak out in the last two games for the title.

THE REAL REASON OREGON WON FRIDAY

Bernie Hammerbeck, who pinch-hit for us in Saturday's column, quoted a lot of reasons Oregon managed to come up with that thriller win over Washington Friday, but according to Hobby none of them were correct. Hobson broke out a lot of new bats Friday, but none of the Oregon batters could get a hit with them in the first eight innings. So Hobby stacked all the new hickories under the bench, leaving only the old tried and true bats in the rack. That is the real reason Walt Kirsch was able to collect that first blow, and the Ducks were able to collect six runs to win the game in the wildest ninth inning rally we've seen in a long time.

The Portland Beavers released Bill Carney to the Salem Senators in time for Carney to catch the Western International league opener against Yakima Friday night. Carney, three-year letterman for the Webfoots, stepped into number three spot in the Salem lineup and collected a double in four trips to the plate and batted in one run. Saturday night he blasted a triple into left center to bat in another. Bob Caviness, another ex-Webfoot with Salem, also hit in both games.

Hobson Drills For Invasion; Road Squad Still In Doubt

Four Positions Remain Open As Trip Nears

Oregon's league-leading baseball team continued stiff workouts yesterday in preparation for the grueling swing through the northern end of the loop, which begins Friday at Moscow against the Idaho Vandals.

Coach Howard Hobson has not yet announced the personnel of the 15-man squad which will carry Oregon's hopes for its fourth successive pennant. Yesterday's yanigan game and the squad tussle scheduled for today are expected to decide the spots in doubt.

Dick Rodiger, Hal Saltzman, Lyle Pettyjohn, Homer Bropst, Spike Johnson, Walt Kirsch, Ranny Smith, Jim Norvel, Bob Santee, Walt Lozoski and Tony Crish are certain members of the traveling outfit. The other four spots are in doubt.

Hobson's squad yesterday almost duplicated Friday's garrison finish against Washington. Trailing by 10 runs in the final frame, they score six runs off Barney Koch's lads and had the bases full when Bass Dyer was picked off base to end the game.

Pettyjohn and Dick Lehl worked on the hill for the Kochmen and Bob Warner and Dick Wilkins handled the mound chores for Hobson.

Hal Saltzman and Al Paulson, a newcomer to the squad, are scheduled to work for the two teams today with Bill Long and Bropst ready for the relief work. Game time is about 4 p.m.

Washington Whips OSC In ND Game

NORTHERN DIVISION STANDINGS

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Oregon	6	0	1.000
OSC	3	2	.600
Washington	4	3	.571
Idaho	2	4	.333
WSC	0	6	.000

CORVALLIS, April 29—Washington hopped all over the offerings of Don Cecil, Oregon State's sore-armed ace right-hander in the fifth inning here yesterday to win a slugging contest, 9 to 7.

The loss dropped the Beavers two and half games back of the undefeated Oregon Ducks. The teams clash again today in the final game of the series here.

Oregon State made a belated attempt to get back in the ball game in the ninth inning, but Max Soriano rushed to the rescue of Bob Goldberg and clamped down on the rally.

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Oreg. State 031 000 012—7 10 0
Goldberg, Soriano (9) and Constantino; Cecil, Frazier (6) and Wagner.

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Duck Hitting Plummet; Kirsch, Crish Still Lead

Washington's pitchers took a healthy cut out of the Oregon batting averages last Friday and Saturday. The statistics for the first six Northern Division games follow.

PLAYER	G	AB	R	H	RBI	Ave.	PO	A	E	Ave.
Morrison, u	1	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	.000
Dyer, u	2	2	0	1	0	.500	0	0	0	.000
Kirsch, 2b-of	6	20	4	9	5	.450	13	13	1	.960
Crish, cf	6	25	5	10	7	.400	6	2	3	.727
Santee, ss-of	5	23	7	9	5	.391	11	8	4	.826
Saltzman, p	4	12	2	4	0	.333	0	5	1	.833
Johnson, 1b	6	21	6	6	7	.286	57	2	1	.983
Lozoski, cf	5	16	3	4	1	.250	3	1	1	.800
Smith, ss	4	8	2	2	1	.250	7	7	1	.933
Bropst, p	3	5	1	1	0	.200	0	7	1	.875
Pettyjohn, p	2	5	1	1	2	.200	0	2	0	1.000
Norvell, 3b	6	21	5	4	0	.190	7	13	7	.741
Cohen, 2b	5	12	4	2	2	.166	10	9	0	1.000
Rodiger, c	6	20	5	3	6	.150	38	7	0	1.000
Dibble, of	5	12	2	0	1	.000	10	1	0	1.000
Long, p-cf	3	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	.000
Jones, cf	3	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000
Wilkins, u	1	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000
Lehl, p	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	1	.500
Greene, c	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000
Totals	6	205	47	57	37	.278	162	78	22	.918

PITCHER	G	W	L	IP	SO	W	ERA	Ave.
Saltzman	3	3	0	27	23	9	1.00	1.000
Pettyjohn	2	2	0	7.33	3	2	1.20	1.000
Lehl	1	1	1	2.67	2	0	0.00	1.000
Bropst	2	0	0	15.33	9	7	0.00	.000
Long	1	0	0	1.67	0	3	0.00	.000
Totals	6	6	0	54	37	21	1.14	1.000

Oregon Nine Sweeps Washington Series; Saltzman Hurls Shutout

Oregon's surprising diamond Ducks continued to dominate the Northern Division baseball pennant chase on Howe field Saturday, by turning back the University of Washington Huskies, 4-0, to register their sixth straight conference victory.

Hal Saltzman, veteran right-hander, returned from Bremerton, Washington, where he went to receive his discharge from the Marine Corps, in time to start on the mound for the Hobsonmen. Though the big letterman lacked control in the early innings, he was tight in the pinches and scattered six hits to chalk up his first shut-out and third conference win.

The game, which was played in one hour and forty-five minutes, started out as a pitchers' duel between Saltzman and Husky Bob Cole, but the Webfoots bunched three hits with an error in the fourth inning to count two runs.

Bob Santee, another Duck player who received his service discharge Friday, opened the fourth frame rally with a single to center. His was the first base blow off Cole. Tony Crish, next up for Oregon, boomed a single into right field, sending Santee to third. Spike Johnson, Webfoot first sacker, hit a short fly ball into center and Santee scampered home after the catch for the initial score. Saltzman singled to deep short and Crish romped home from second when Bob Tate, Washington shortstop, threw wild to second.

Oregon tallied again in the fifth on two hits and the first baseman's error. Ranny Smith singled to left, went to third on Walt Lozoski's one-base blow to right-center, and scored when Bob Swysgood let Ray

Rice's throw go through him into the stands.

The Webfoots took advantage of another Husky error and Walt Kirsch's double to left in the seventh inning to score the final run of the game. Catcher Dick Rodiger was safe when Jim John, Washington substitute second sacker juggled a ground ball. Rodiger held up at second after Jim Norvell's near-perfect sacrifice along the third base line. Then Kirsch, who hit the only extra base blow of the game, came through with his double to left field scoring Rodiger. In the sixth frame, Spike John-

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Baseball Results

American League:
Cleveland at New York, postponed, rain (will be played Thursday). Only major league game scheduled.

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Tuesday's probable pitchers:
American League:
Detroit (Benton 1-) at Boston Bagby 0-1). Cleveland (Reynolds 1-1) at New York (Bevens 1-0). St. Louis (Shirley 1-0) at Philadelphia (Christophy 0-1). Chicago (Dietrich 1-1) at Washington (Scarborough 1-1).

National League:
New York (Koslo 0-1) at St. Louis (Wilks 0-0). Brooklyn (Head 1-0) at Chicago (Broowy 0-2). Boston (Lee 2-0) at Cincinnati (Blackwell 0-1). Philadelphia (Judd 1-1) at Pittsburgh (Albosta 0-1). Pacific Coast League:
No games scheduled.